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Estate of Owensby vs. City of Cincinnati
October 14, 2003

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

WESTERN DIVISION

ESTATE OF ROGER D. :
OWENSBY JR., et al., :

Plaintiffs,

vs. : Case No. 01-CV-769

: (Judge S. A. Spiegel)

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CITY OF CINCINNATI, et al.,

Defendants. :

Videotaped deposition of ROBERT BLAINE JORG, a defendant herein, called by the plaintiffs for cross-examination, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, taken before me, Wendy Davies

Welsh, a Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary

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1 what was relayed to me.

- O. Was this on November 7th? 2
- 3 A. Before.
- Q. Do you know how much before? 4
- A. No. 5
- Q. So this is some report that you had
- 7 received that there was a drive-by shooting -- do
- 8 you know where the shooting took place?
- A. Somewhere up in Huntington Meadows area.
- Q. And that somebody involved in the shooting 10
- 11 had a nickname of LA?
- A. Correct. 12
- 13 Q. Did you have any information that the
- 14 person doing the shooting was --
- A. No. 15
- Q. -- went by the name of LA? 16
- 17 A. No.
- Q. All right. Please continue. So you're at 18
- 19 the window.
- A. So we walked to the front, and like I 20
- 21 said, I grabbed my night stick out of the holder of
- 22 my car to catch up to him, I never put it away. I
- 23 walk in front of the store, put it in my holder, and
- 24 I'm standing there waiting for Mr. Owensby to step

- When he steps out, I ask him if he can
- 3 talk to -- to me for a minute. He's -- he complies.
- 4 I have him go ahead and put his drink down.
- Q. Was that the only thing in his hands, the 5
- 6 drink?
- 7 A. I believe so.

1 out so we can talk to him.

- 8 Q. Okay.
- A. That was the only thing in his hand. 9
- Q. Where is Officer Caton and Officer Hunter 10
- 11 at this point?
- A. I don't remember. That night, I don't 12
- 13 remember where exactly they were until I went to put
- 14 on handcuffs. But keep in mind, I have seen the
- 15 video, so some of that plays in on where they were
- 16 at.
- 17 Q. All right. Continue.
- A. I asked him if we can talk to him for a 18
- 19 minute. He says sure. I ask him what his name is,
- 20 where he lives, typical first questions on
- 21 something.
- Q. Well, let's take the first question, as 22
- 23 far as his name. Did he answer you?
- 24 A. Yes.

- O. And what -- what did he say? 1
 - A. I believe he did say Roger Owensby. I 2
 - 3 believe he did. I don't --
 - Q. And then -- sorry.
 - A. I don't exactly remember. 5
 - Q. And then, as to where does he live, did he
 - answer that question?
 - A. I think he said, "Not around here."
 - Q. Did he give any more -- did you follow up 10 and say, well, okay, if not around here, where?
 - A. I believe so. Like I said, it's been a
 - 12 long time. I don't remember the exact question I
 - 13 asked.
 - 14 Q. And do you recall if he gave you any
 - 15 further information, as far as where he lived?
 - 16 A No.
 - Q. Was he cooperative with you? 17
 - A. At first. 18
 - 19 Q. Respectful?
 - 20 A. Yes.
 - 21 Q. Continue. What else happens?
 - 22 A. I told him that we were looking for a
 - 23 particular subject that ran from the police, and
 - 24 that person has been known to carry a firearm. Was
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- 1 he armed? And he said no. And he starts to pull up
- 2 his shirt to show us that he's not carrying a
- 3 weapon. I told him to hold on. You know, there's a
- 4 way we do this. Do you mind if I pat you down? He
- 5 says no. I pat him down for weapons. I find none.
- 6 I continue my conversation with him.
- The exact line of questions, who asked
- 8 what between me and Officer Caton, I don't recall
- 9 who asked what particular question.
- 10 Q. Do you recall, though, what questions were 11 asked?
- 12 A. Has he ever run from the police, has he
- 13 ever struck a police officer or something of that
- 14 nature.
- 15 Q. And what was his answer?
- A. He did not. Ever having run from any
- 17 other police officer, no. He said he hasn't run in a
- 18 while -- I don't remember what exactly he responded,
- 19 and I don't want to --
- 20 Q. How about striking a police officer, did
- 21 he give you an answer to that?
- 22 A. I don't remember if he did or not.
- 23 Q. Please continue.
- 24 A. At some point in the interview either I or

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STATE OF OHIO

: : SS

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

I, Wendy Davies Welsh, Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby state that the transcript of the deposition of Robert B. Jorg, deponent herein, having been submitted to said deponent for review and signature, has not been signed within the thirty (30) day period allowed under the Federal Rules; said deposition to now have the same force and effect as though signed.

Wendy Davies Welsh, Court Reporter

Sworn to before me this _______, 2004

Thomas M. Blasing

Notary Public - State of Ohio

My commission expires: May 4, 2004